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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fluid connection assembly for establishing a connection with a fluid supply pipe extending from a rear face of a panel to a front face of the panel, the assembly comprising a connection member engagable with the fluid supply pipe at the front of the panel; and means for connection of ~~an outlet member~~ the fluid supply pipe to the connection member, ~~characterized by comprising~~ a support member adapted to be fixed to the panel at the front face thereof, a threaded member supported by the support member and rotatable relative to the support member for engaging the connection member, and a compression fitting operable from the front of the panel and comprising a sealing element deformable responsive to tightening of the threaded member to establish a seal between the fluid supply pipe and the connection member.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ wherein the connection member (226) has screw threaded engagement with the threaded member ~~support member~~ (216), and the compression fitting includes the sealing element (234) deformable between the ~~support~~ threaded member and the connection member to establish a seal between the fluid supply pipe (212) and the connection member (226).
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 2, wherein the connection member is adapted to have a shower head or hose connected to it.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 2 including a cover member, adapted to engage with the assembly and to conceal the assembly.
5. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 1, wherein the support member comprises a plate portion abutting the front face of the panel and a recess that extends past the front face of the panel toward the rear face of the panel.

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6. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 5, including a sleeve disposed between the fluid supply pipe and the recess of the support plate, wherein the sleeve includes a flange that corresponds with a flange of the threaded member for holding the threaded member in a desired axial position relative to the support plate while providing for rotation of the threaded member relative to the support plate.
7. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 6, wherein the sealing element is disposed about the fluid supply pipe between the sleeve on a first axial end and the connection member.
8. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 6, wherein the threaded member comprises a threaded nut including an inwardly extending flange corresponding to the flange of the sleeve for holding the desired axial position of the threaded member onto the support.
9. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly according to claim 1, wherein the connection member comprises a fluid conduit elbow having external threads on each end.

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10. (NEW) A fluid connection assembly comprising:
a support attachable to a panel that includes an opening for a fluid supply pipe;
a threaded member supported on the support and rotatable relative to the support;
a conduit engageable with the threaded member for directing water to a hydraulic device;
and
a seal for assembly to the fluid supply pipe that is compressible responsive to the conduit being threadably received by the threaded member.
11. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly as recited in claim 10, wherein the support plate includes a sleeve disposed between the fluid supply pipe and the opening in the support for rotatably supporting the threaded member.
12. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly as recited in claim 11, wherein the seal is disposed around the fluid supply pipe and between the sleeve and the conduit.
13. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly as recited in claim 10, wherein the support includes a face portion that abuts the panel and a cylindrical portion that extends through the panel about the fluid supply pipe.
14. (NEW) The fluid connection assembly as recited in claim 13, wherein the face portion is attachable to the panel.